the States. As per the guidelines for implementation of rural water supply programme, 5% of the funds are earmarked for sustainability measures including construction of reservoirs and ponds so as to check the declining water levels in the rural areas. During 2002-03 an amount of Rs. 1351.95 crores have been released to State Governments as on 18.2.2003 under ARWSP.

Sectoral Reform Programme on drinking water in Andhra Pradesh

904. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centrally sponsored Sectoral Reform Programme on drinking water in Andhra Pradesh turned to be a disaster with the State Government failing to make use of 90 per cent grant provided under the scheme;

(b) if so, whether out of Rs. 55 crore sanctioned so far to the State as part of the first instalment for five selected districts to provide safe drinking water, Rs. 8 crore was spent;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for not utilising the money; and

(d) what action has been taken against the State by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (d) In Andhra Pradesh the Sector Reform Project for rural drinking water is implemented in 7 districts. As per the progress report upto 31.12.2002 received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh, out of Rs. 80.36 crore Government of India released the district project expenditure of Rs. 41.07 crore has been reported. All the projects are at various levels of implementation and reviewed regularly.

Development of handloom sector

†905. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the action being taken for development of handloom sector;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether any special insurance scheme is being formulated for weavers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) The Government of India has been implementing various developmental schemes for handloom weavers namely Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY), Handloom Export Scheme, Mill Gate Price Scheme, Design Development And Training Programme (DDTP), Marketing Promotion Programme and Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme for providing support for the development of the handloom sector in the country.

(b) and (c) The Hon'ble Prime Minister in his Independence Day address to the Nation on the 15th August, 2002, had announced a special contributory insurance scheme for one million weavers and artisans combining the Janshree Bima Yojana with Group Insurance Scheme. Accordingly 'Bunkar Bima Yojana' which is a combination of Janshree Bima Yojana and Add-on Group Insurance Scheme has been included as a component under the comprehensive scheme called "Weavers' Welfare Scheme" proposed to be implemented during the Tenth Plan period.

Cotton production in the country

906. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total cotton production in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the total share of the country's exports in the world in terms of percentage; and

(c) the details of factories/units targeted to upgrade through Technology Mission on Cotton since its inception in 2000, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) The total production of cotton in the country during the last three years is as under: